



CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended): A telephone location system comprising:

an [~~assisted~~] location determining telephone handset;

a telephone service provider providing [~~assisted~~]  
telephone location services in communication with said  
handset, said service provider able to locate said  
handset when a user of said handset allows such  
location and unable to locate said handset when said  
user does not allow such location, said user being  
able to block location of said handset for a time  
duration determined by said user by an action taken by  
said user directly on said handset;

a consumer location service facility accepting a  
request from a consumer to locate a particular  
cellular handset, said consumer location service  
facility cooperating with said telephone service

provider to determine a telephone handset location of said particular telephone handset when said user allows such determination; said consumer location service facility than communicating said telephone handset location to said consumer.

Claim 2. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is returned to said consumer by verbal description.

Claim 3. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said telephone handset location is supplied to said consumer by means of a map.

Claim 4. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said consumer location facility communicates with said consumer by internet.

Claim 5. (original): The telephone location method and service of claim 1 wherein said consumer location facility returns a longitude and latitude to said consumer.

Claim 6. (cancelled).

Claim 7. (currently amended): A method for providing consumers a telephone handset location of a permitting handset [user] comprising:

allowing a handset user to block handset location determination at all locations for a time duration determined by said handset user by performing an action directly on said handset;

requesting a telephone handset location from a consumer service facility; said consumer service facility

requesting [~~an-assisted~~] a service provider for a location of said handset; said [~~assisted~~] service provider

determining the location of said handset if location determination is not blocked, said [~~assisted~~] service provider

communicating the location of said handset to said consumer service facility;

[~~receiving by~~] sending to the consumer the location of said handset [~~from~~] by said consumer service facility.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9. (original): The method of claim 7 wherein said request is via the internet.

Claim 10. (currently amended): A consumer service that provides locations of permitting mobile telephones on demand from consumers for a fee, said consumer service comprising a means for communicating a consumer request for location of a mobile telephone to a mobile telephone service provider; a means for a user to block location of a mobile telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user by performing an action directly on said mobile telephone; a means for receiving back from said mobile telephone service provider a position of said mobile telephone; a means for converting said position to a

relational position; means for providing said relational position of said mobile telephone to a consumer.

Claim 11. (cancelled).

Claim 12. (previously presented): The consumer service of claim 10 wherein said mobile telephone service provider uses assisted GPS to determine longitude and latitude of said mobile telephone.

Claim 13. (currently amended): A method of providing consumers with a current location of a cellular telephone where a consumer service bureau communicates with a plurality of mobile service providers comprising the steps of:

a cellular telephone user permitting location of a particular cellular telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user or blocking location of said particular cellular telephone at all locations for a duration determined by said user;

a consumer requesting from the consumer service bureau  
a current location of a particular mobile telephone by  
providing a telephone number of the mobile telephone  
to the consumer service bureau, whereby the consumer  
agrees to pay a first predetermined fee to the  
consumer service bureau for this service;

the consumer service bureau determining which mobile  
telephone provider owns the telephone number provided  
by the consumer;

the consumer service bureau requesting from the  
determined mobile telephone provider the location of  
the particular mobile telephone, whereby the consumer  
service bureau agrees to pay a second predetermined  
fee for this service to the mobile telephone provider;

the mobile telephone provider placing a location  
request into its telephone system to locate the  
particular mobile telephone;

the mobile telephone provider returning a position of  
the particular mobile telephone to the consumer

service bureau if location of said mobile telephone  
has not been blocked by an action of said user  
performed directly on said mobile telephone;

the consumer service bureau translating the returned  
position of the particular mobile telephone to a  
relational format if not in relation format;

the consumer service bureau returning the position of  
the particular mobile telephone to the consumer.

Claim 14. (previously presented): The method of claim 13  
further comprising the step of the mobile service provider  
returning an error message to the consumer service bureau  
if the particular mobile telephone cannot be located or  
location has been blocked.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14  
wherein blocking of location is controlled by particular  
identification to allow location access to parties  
presenting particular identification.

Claim 16. (previously presented): The method of claim 15 wherein said particular identification is a PIN number.

Claim 17. (currently amended): A telephone location system comprising a plurality of mobile telephones each with capability of blocking location information for a time duration determined by a user of said mobile telephone by an action performed by said user directly on a mobile telephone, and a plurality of mobile service telephone providers pooling location services wherein a consumer could request at least one of said providers to locate a particular mobile telephone and said providers could communicate with other of said providers to locate said mobile telephone and return a location of the telephone to said consumer if a user of said mobile telephone has not blocked location information.

Claim 18. (original): The telephone location system of claim 17 wherein at least one of said service providers charges said consumer a fee for said return of said location.



Claim 19. (original): The telephone location system of claim 17 wherein one of said service providers charges another of said service providers an access fee for said return of said location.

Claim 20. (previously presented): The telephone location service of claim 1 wherein said telephone service provider and said consumer location service facility are a single entity.